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- 1. Since 1945 Udorn has been and continues to be the center of the Viet Minh Tong-bo and the Vietnamese Overseas Mutual Assistance Society. The Viet Minh have chosen this province because of its geographical location. It is far enough removed from the Mekong River to safeguard it from ready attacks of the enemy, and is the center of operations for the different provinces in northeastern Thailand where most of the Viet Nam refugees are concentrated. The elections for the committee of the Vietnamese Overseas Mutual Assistance Society are held every year at Udorn, where the supreme organ of this Society is located. The majority of the official members of the Viet Minh Tong-bo for Thailand, both Communists and Non-Communists, are at Udorn, with the exception of Le Duy Luong,\* who is at Thakhilek, and Professor Le Van Luong and Vu Huu Binh,\*\* who are now in Bangkok.
- 2. The weekly paper, <u>Doc Lap</u> (Independence), official paper of Viet Minh propaganda in Thailand, is published at Udorn. The most important centers of military and political training of the Viet Minh are located at Udorn.

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